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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 1, 3-5 and 7-8 are in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of claims 2 and 6, now canceled. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner objected to claim 6. Claim 6 has been canceled.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Simon '828 and rejected claim 3 over Simon in view of Moran et al. Claims 4 and 5 were rejected over Simon in view of Clark. The Examiner stated that claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the elements of claims 2 and 6, now canceled. It is now believed that the claims are patentable over the cited references, because none of the cited references teach or suggest the arrangement of the straps.

as claimed in amended claim 1. Early allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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